

SENATOR DAWN BUCKINGHAM VIDEO

NEW YEAR MESSAGE

HELLO FRIENDS THIS IS DR. DAWN BUCKINGHAM, YOUR STATE SENATOR FOR DISTRICT 24.

WITH JUST A FEW HOURS REMAINING THIS YEAR - 2018 WILL COME TO AN END. IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THIS YEAR IS ALREADY OVER BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

AS WE PREPARE TO RING IN THE NEW YEAR - 2019 - I ALSO WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU MY THOUGHTS ON PRIORITIES FOR THE UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE SESSION THAT BEGINS JANUARY 8.

MY ATTENTION WILL BE FOCUSED ON ALL OF THE ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO SENATE DISTRICT 24 - BUT THERE ARE FOUR MAIN AREAS I WILL PARTICULARLY BE FOCUSED ON:

NUMBER ONE: UNFUNDED MANDATES

MY BELIEF IS IF THE LEGISLATURE IS GOING TO TELL LOCAL OFFICIALS THEY HAVE TO DO SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO COST MONEY - THEN THE LEGISLATURE NEEDS TO WRITE THE CHECK TO GO ALONG WITH THAT.

NUMBER TWO: PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE.

IN THIS BUILDING IT'S POPULAR TO SAY THAT ISSUE IS OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY. I BELIEVE IT'S TIME WE START BACKING UP THOSE WORDS UP WITH ACTION - BY REVISING THE FUNDING FORMULAS WE DEPEND ON TO PAY FOR EDUCATION.

NUMBER THREE: PROTECTING RURAL INTERESTS.

MANY OF MY 17 COUNTIES THAT MAKE UP SENATE DISTRICT 24 ARE CONSIDERED RURAL AREAS DEMOGRAPHICALLY - AND I INTEND TO BE THE "VOICE OF RURAL TEXAS" TO MAKE SURE YOUR SPECIAL NEEDS DON'T GET LOST IN THE SCRAMBLE OF COMPETING URBAN DISTRICT ISSUES.

AND FOURTH: PROPERTY TAX RELIEF.

AS THE ENVY OF THE REST OF THE COUNTRY - TEXAS MUST - AND CAN PROVIDE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF.

JUST AS WE DEFENDED OUR FREEDOM AND LIBERTY AT THE ALAMO - WE MUST ALSO STOP CURRENT PRACTICES THAT ARE TAXING SOME TEXANS OUT OF THEIR VERY HOMES. THIS PRACTICE HAS TO STOP.

IN ADDITION TO THESE PRIORITIES, I WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR CONSERVATIVE VALUES AND PRINCIPLES, TO DEFEND OUR SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS, TO ADVANCE PRO-LIFE EFFORTS, AND TO PROTECT OUR RELIGIOUS FREEDOMS.

MY PROMISE TO YOU IS THAT I WILL CONTINUE WORKING AS HARD AS I CAN EVERYDAY ON YOUR BEHALF FOR THESE PRIMARY ISSUES...FOR A BETTER DISTRICT 24...AND FOR A BETTER TEXAS.

IT WON'T BE EASY. BUT WITH YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT I FEEL CERTAIN WE WILL PREVAIL.

THANK YOU, AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU - YOUR FAMILY - SD 24 AND THE GREAT STATE OF TEXAS.

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!